

SAXOLOGY

CHARLES PILLOW, DIRECTOR

Monday, March 23, 2026

Hatch Recital Hall

7:30 PM



Eastman School of Music

PROGRAM

Oska T

Thelonious Monk

Punjab

Joe Henderson

Willow Weep for Me

Ann Ronell
arr. Carter Bowman

Sophisticated Lady

Duke Ellington
arr. Billy Strayhorn
adapt. Charles Pillow

The Side Pipers

Jimmy Giuffre

Misterioso

Thelonious Monk

Tom Thumb

Wayne Shorter

McSamba

Joel McNeely

Little Rootie Tootie

Thelonious Monk

PERSONNEL

SAXOLOGY

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Lang Armstrong, soprano and alto saxophones, flute,
alto flute, and piccolo

Cameron Jones, alto saxophone and clarinet

Ian Oliver, tenor saxophone

Kurt Krakofsky, tenor saxophone

Carter Bowman, baritone saxophone

Emma Brennan, guitar

Andrew Yuska, piano

Cyrus Kuester-Ha, bass

Alexander Polyakovski, drum set

Ezra Shneyderman, drum set

with

Allison Young, flute

Charles Pillow, bass flute

Ryan Finegan, soprano saxophone

Israel Stone, trumpet

Sofia Bondurant, vocals

All arrangements by Charles Pillow, unless otherwise noted

ABOUT SAXOLOGY

Founded in 1980 when the saxophone section of the Eastman Jazz Ensemble joined the rhythm section of the Eastman Jazz Ensemble. Most of the original material was composed and arranged by Ramon Ricker. Through the years, arranging students at Eastman have written for the group and many other well known composers and arrangers including Bob Mintzer and Jim McNeely have compositions and arrangements in the book. Originally an extra curricular activity, **Saxology** is a credited ensemble directed by Charles Pillow. Individually, its members have gone on to perform with Buddy Rich, Maynard Ferguson, Count Basie, Wynton Marsalis, Chick Corea, Toshiko Akiyoshi, Harry Connick, Jr, Frank Sinatra, Freddie Hubbard and many others.

UPCOMING EASTMAN SERIES CONCERTS

Tickets for all series concerts can be purchased at EastmanTheatre.org

EASTMAN PRESENTS – KILBOURN CONCERT SERIES

SO Percussion

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Kilbourn Hall

EASTMAN PRESENTS – KODAK HALL SERIES

The Silkroad Ensemble with Rhiannon Giddens

Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

Yo-Yo Ma conceived Silkroad in 1998 as a reminder that even as rapid globalization resulted in division, it brought extraordinary possibilities for working together. Seeking to understand this dynamic, he recognized the historical Silk Road as a model for cultural collaboration – for the exchange of ideas, tradition, and innovation across borders.

Today, under the leadership of Artistic Director Rhiannon Giddens, Silkroad creates music that engages difference, sparking radical cultural collaboration, and passion-driven learning for a more hopeful and inclusive world, materializing on their program: Sanctuary – The Power and Resonance of Ritual.

FACULTY ARTIST SERIES

Eastman Virtuosi

Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Kilbourn Hall

EASTMAN PRESENTS – EASTMAN-RANLET SERIES

Doric String Quartet

Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Kilbourn Hall

We acknowledge with respect the Seneca Nation, known as the “Great Hill People” and “Keepers of the Western Door” of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. We take this opportunity to thank the people whose ancestral lands the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester currently occupies in Rochester, New York.

UPCOMING STUDENT ENSEMBLE CONCERTS

All student performances are free unless otherwise noted.

Chamber Percussion Ensemble

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Kilbourn Hall

Trombone Choir

Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Kilbourn Hall

Composers Concert

Monday, March 30, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Hatch Recital Hall

Chamber Jazz Ensemble

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Hatch Recital Hall

Brass Guild

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Kilbourn Hall

Eastman Wind Orchestra

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Kilbourn Hall

Eastman School Symphony Orchestra

Friday, April 3, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Kilbourn Hall

Eastman Wind Ensemble

Monday, April 6, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Kilbourn Hall

Eastman Saxophone Project

Friday, April 7, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Kilbourn Hall



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